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Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> EuroGeographics AISBL	
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<p>a. EuroGeographics notes the report from the Subcommittee on Geodesy outlining its activities, noting especially the efforts expanded in the broad global consultation to finalise the two papers: ‘Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame’, and the ‘Concept Paper on the Establishment of the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence’. The Association was happy to provide practical support to the Subcommittee in convening the European Geodesy Forum titled ‘Towards a sustainable Global Geodetic Reference Frame: European Contribution’, which formed part of the regional consultation on the two papers which are being tabled at this eleventh session of the Committee of Experts.</p> <p>b. We are particularly appreciative of the virtual Global Geodesy Forum titled ‘The Power of Where: The Value of Geodesy to Society’ hosted on Earth Day since this activity helps raise the awareness and increase the critical understanding and importance of the GGRF as a vital infrastructure for the global geospatial community.</p> <p>c. EuroGeographics welcomes the federated approach promoted for the Centre of Excellence which will be established in Germany, noting that the GGRF, which is a critical element of the global geospatial infrastructure, can only be successfully sustained through a collaboration between Member States, international organisations, industry and relevant geodetic stakeholders.</p>	
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